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The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) has opened

the stories of agriculture - from the people that grow the food and the important cultural connections food provides to modern techniques and scientific innovation to make agriculture more sustainable and productive. "Cultivate: Growing Food in a Changing World" will be on display through December 2023.

Visitors can explore the galleries and gardens to learn how inventive ideas in agriculture, both scientific and social, sustain and enrich life and how growing food connects people with each other and their communities. Agriculture, the science and technique of growing crops and livestock, depends on innovating how to grow food. Agricultural innovation and knowledge sharing continue today in laboratories, on farms, and at botanic gardens like the USBG.

"We are overjoyed to share this exhibit celebrating agriculture and food with our visitors," said Saharah Moon Chapotin, USBG executive director. "The food we eat is the result of generations of innovations by farmers and the many people working in agriculture today. We hope this exhibit inspires visitors to become more engaged with food and builds a better understanding of how the future of agriculture is interconnected with our planet's sustainability."

Visitors can see dozens of colorful varieties of corn and learn about the wild relatives of modern plants we eat, go hands-on to explore the science of agriculture with microscopes and hand lenses, dive into the stories of the many different peoples that have farmed the land through the centuries, and enjoy the smells of food from several local chefs with their food cultures as they share their stories in their own words.

Continue your exploration through vibrant interactives showing how plants impact beloved recipes from around the world, see innovative home gardening techniques, kitchen garden techniques, and test your knowledge of popular foods through fascinating world maps created from grains and legumes.

A new gift store run by the Friends of the U.S. Botanic Garden and local D.C. small business Rewild is operating in the Conservatory's West Gallery, offering

gifts for purchase. The store is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

The exhibit comes to life through the stories of more than 75 people and organizations from the United States and around the world. Programs connected underway and will continue throughout its run. Find upcoming programs and plan your visit at www.USBG.gov.

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About U.S. Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is the oldest continuously operating public garden in the United States, created in 1820. The USBG informs visitors about the fundamental value and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological significance. With over a million visitors annually, the USBG strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices. It is a living plant museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and Botanic Garden International. www.USBG.gov



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